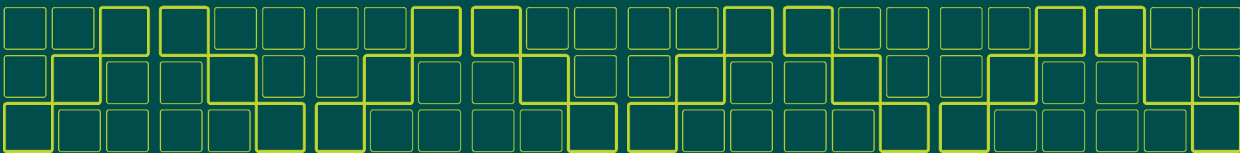
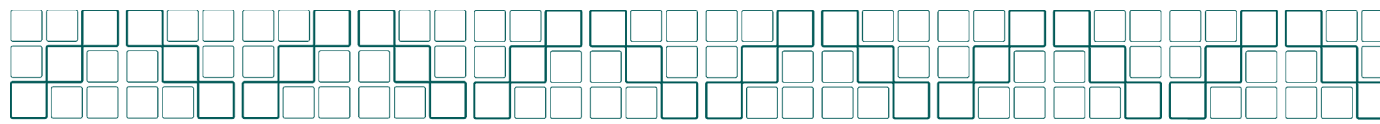

Choosing and Applying to Medical School

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Pre-medical advisor*

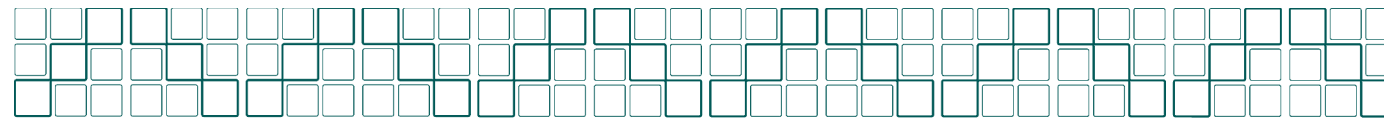




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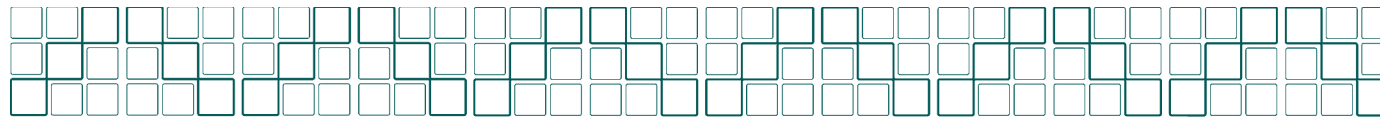
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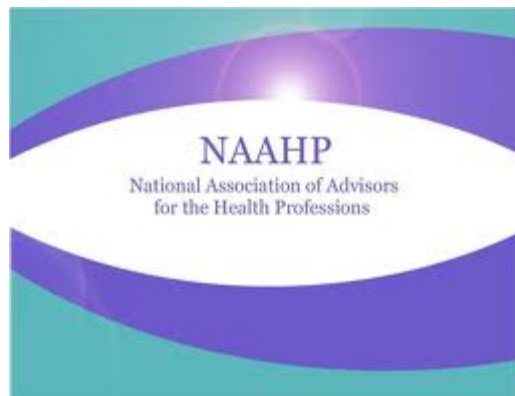
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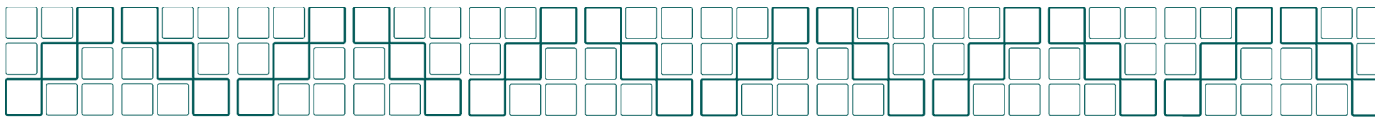
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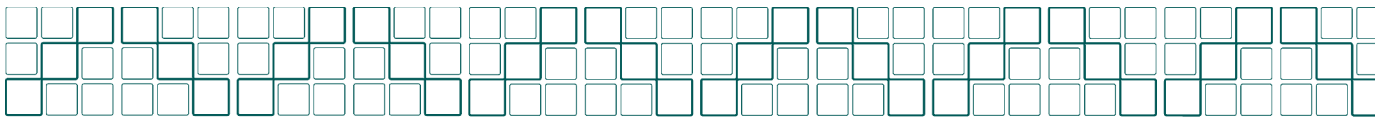




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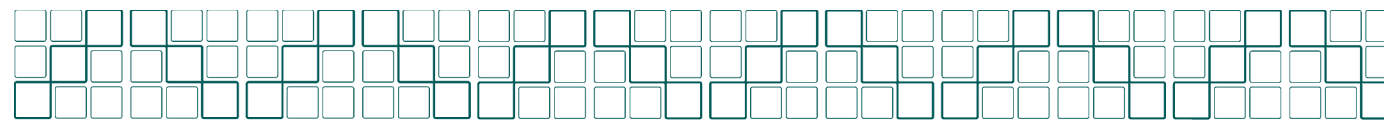
- Discuss why med school? And... why not?
- Review the application process
- Discuss how to improve the elements of your application



Do I really want to be a doctor? Why?

- A good number of our students don't have this answer clear
- “Good” and “bad” reasons
- Knowing yourself
 - Interests
 - Skills
 - Values





Some qualities doctors (and med school students) have:

Persistence

Compassion

Resilience

Team working

Long-life learning

Commitment

Responsibility

Curiosity

Empathy

Sympathy

Endurance

Warmth

Confidence

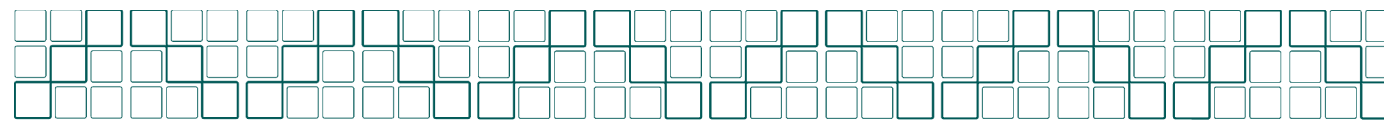
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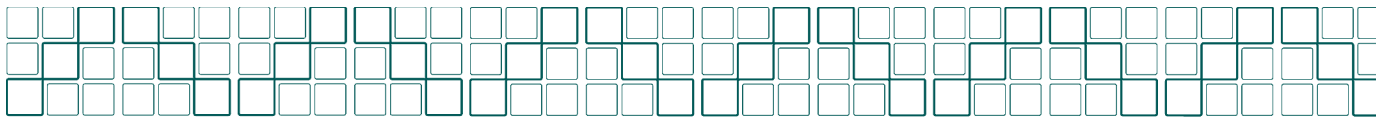
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Hierarchy understanding



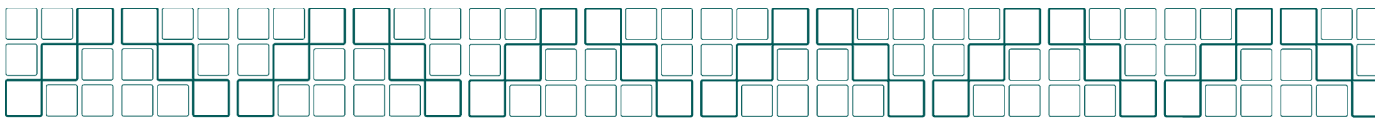
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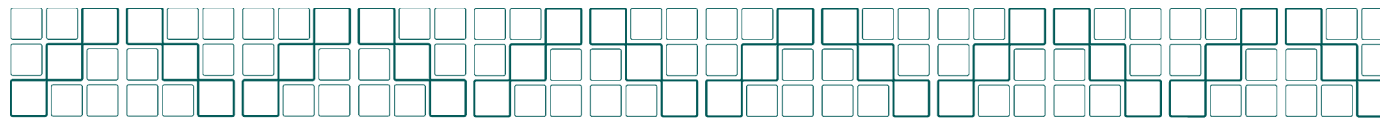
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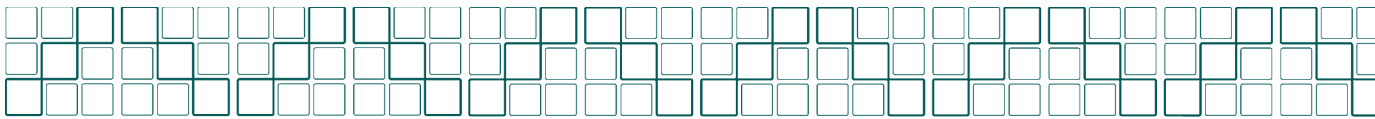
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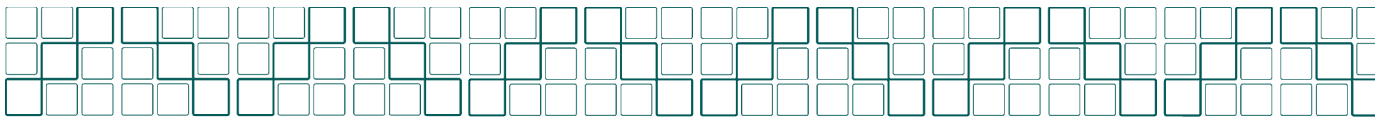
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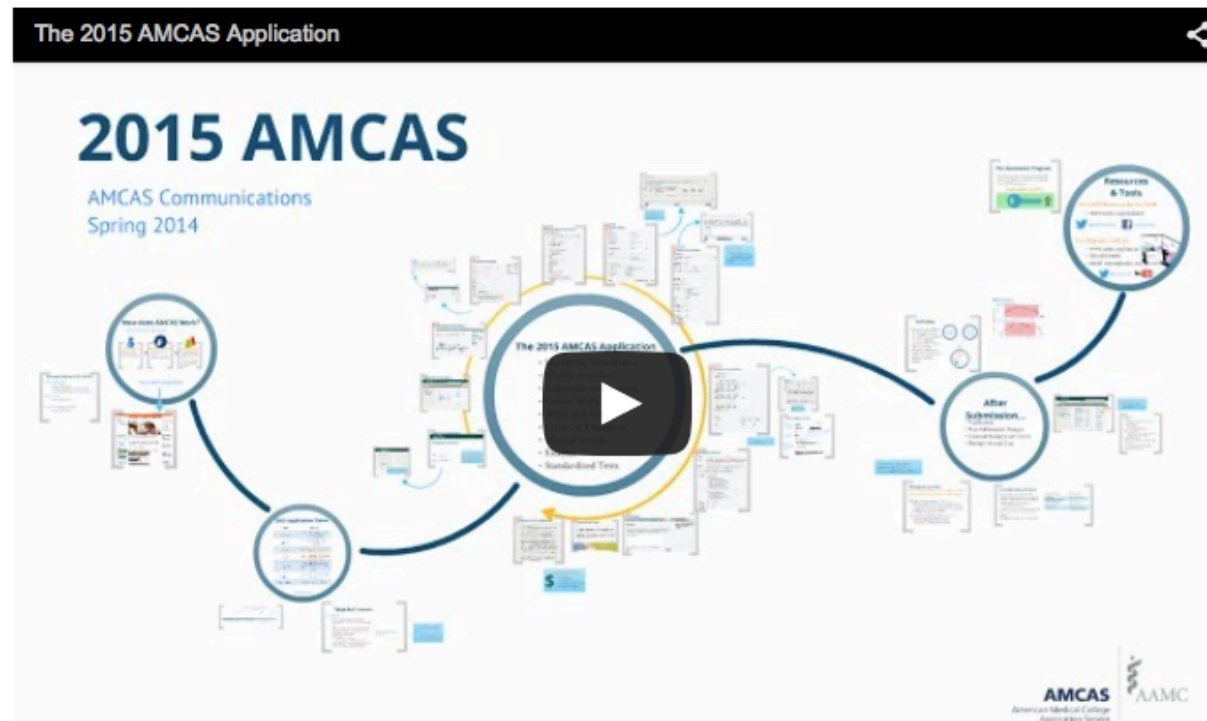
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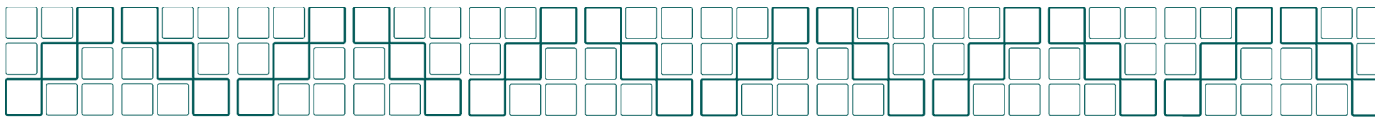


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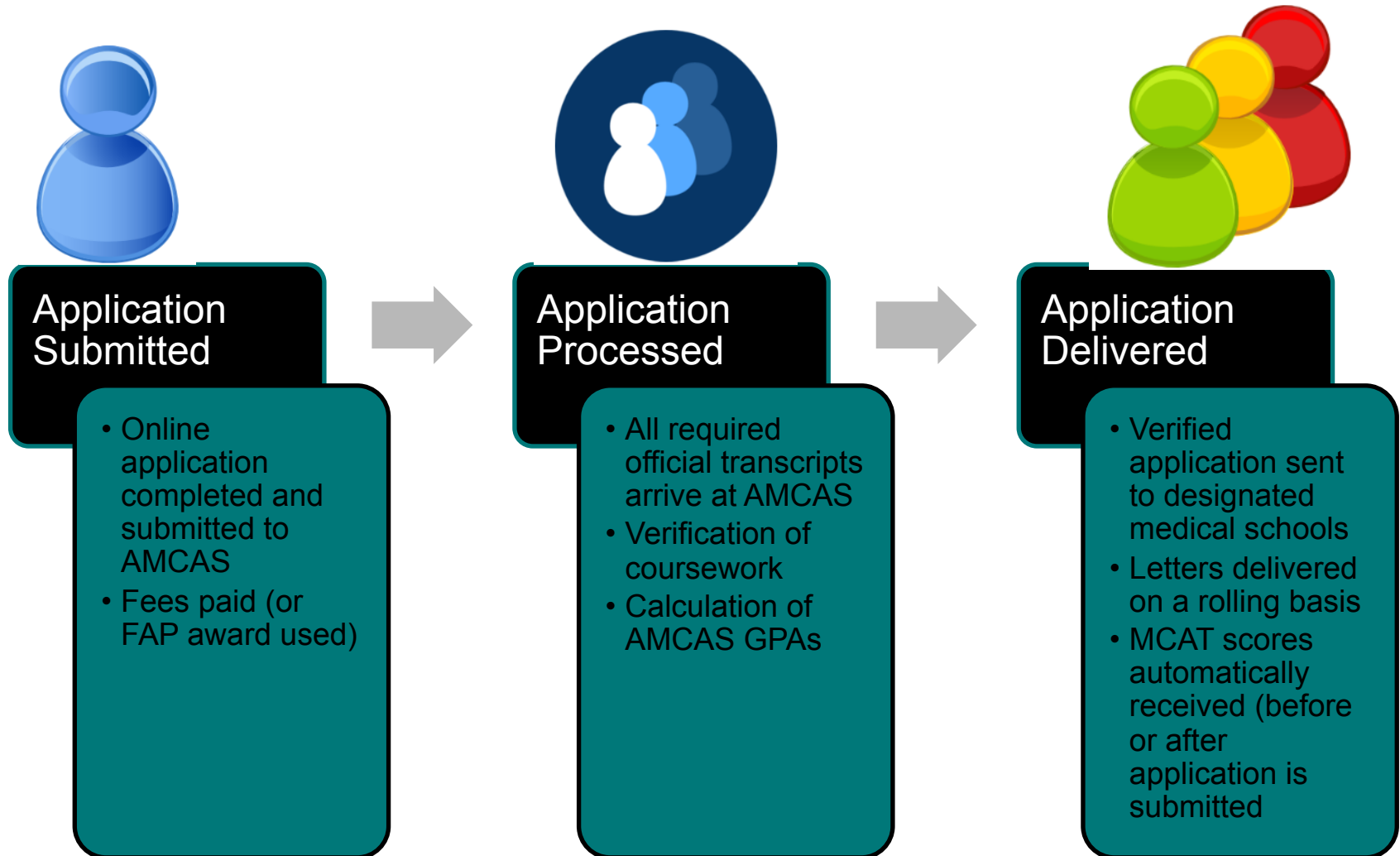
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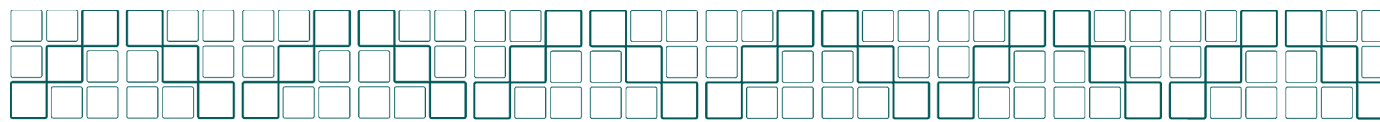
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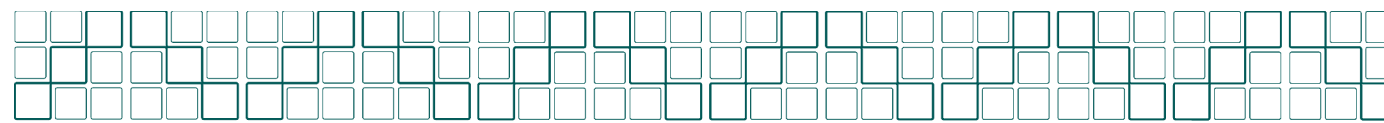
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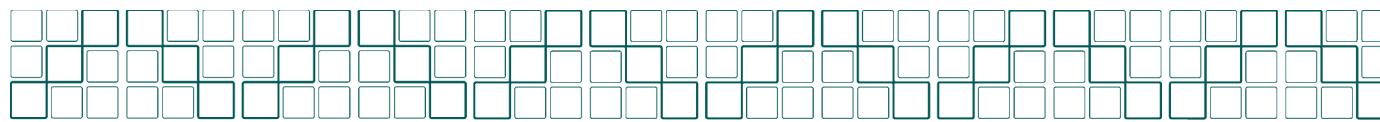
Date	Event
January	2014 Fee Assistance Program opens
April 1	2015 AMCAS Resources released
May 1	2015 AMCAS application opens
June 3	AMCAS application submission begins
June 27	Initial transmission of application data to medical schools
August 1	Early Decision Program deadline
Sept.-Dec.	Application deadlines



2015 Application Deadlines???

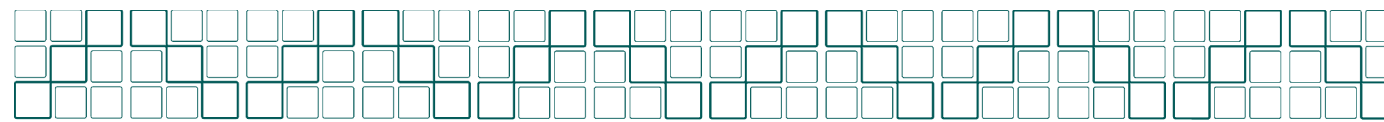
- Completed application must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. ET** of the deadline date
- All required official transcripts must be received by AMCAS within **14 calendar days** of the application deadline date
- Early Decision Program deadline for application and transcripts is **August 1**
- AMCAS does not grant deadline extensions





Early Decision Program (EDP)

- It gives you “the opportunity” to secure an acceptance from one EDP-participating medical school by October 1.
- The EDP is a restricted program: applicants are bound by program agreements.
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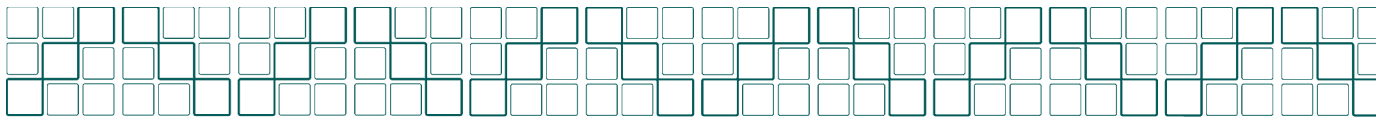
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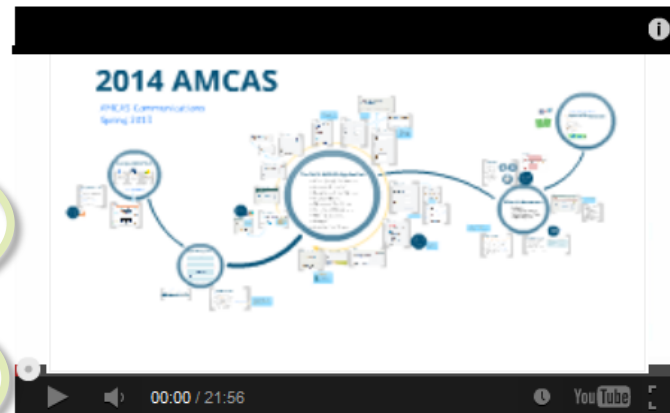


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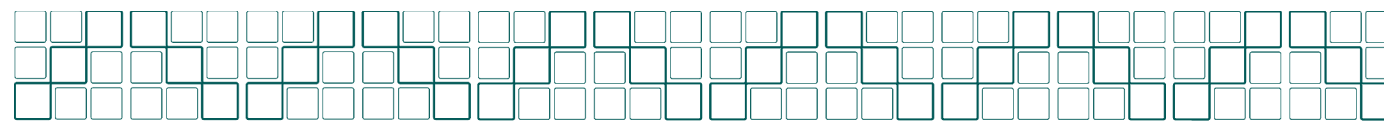
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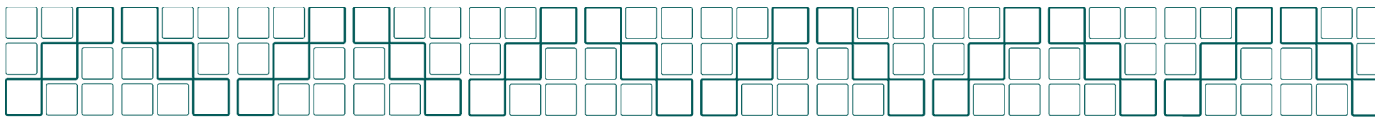
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Username:

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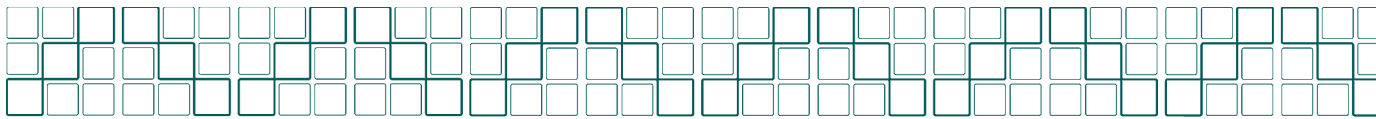
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Applicant: Steve David Austin

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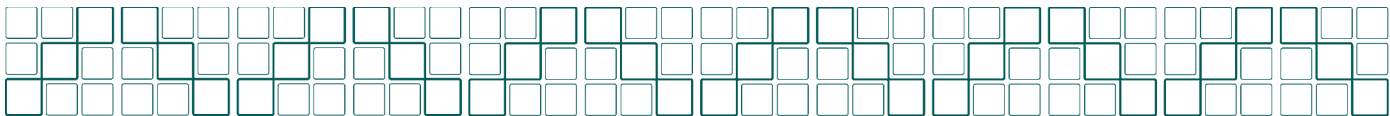
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IDENTIFYING INFORMATION SUMMARY

You have completed the Identifying Information section of your application. Please review the following information for accuracy and completeness.

Legal Name

Steve David Austin

Preferred Name

Faux Applicant

ID Numbers

Birth and Sex

Date of Birth: June 29, 1980

Place of Birth: Louisville, Breathitt, Kentucky, United States of America

Sex: Male

If you want to make changes to any of this information, use the links on the right. If all of this information is accurate and complete, click Continue to proceed to the next section. You can also click Print to print out a copy of this information.

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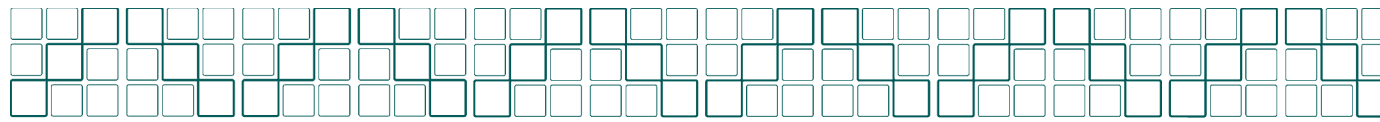
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Section Summary



2. Schools Attended

COLLEGES

Use this form to add information about the college you attended. If you attended more than one college, you will be able to add more later.

Country * ☒ United States ☐ Canada ☐ Other...

State *

School *

School Name *

City *

Program Type *

Start Date *

End Date *

Other Options

☐ Summer School Only

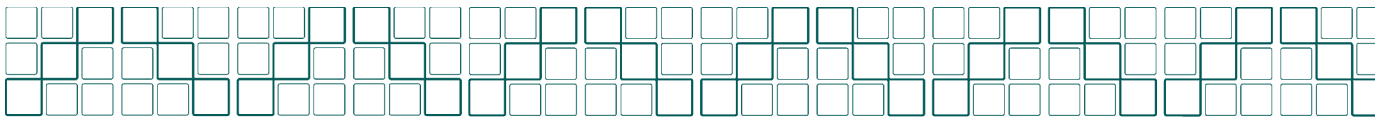
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☐ Yes ☐ No

SCHOOLS ATTENDED

High School	Complete
Colleges	Incomplete
Transcripts	Incomplete
Previous Matriculation	Incomplete
Institutional Action	Incomplete



TRANSCRIPTS

Have you ever taken foreign coursework including a study abroad course?

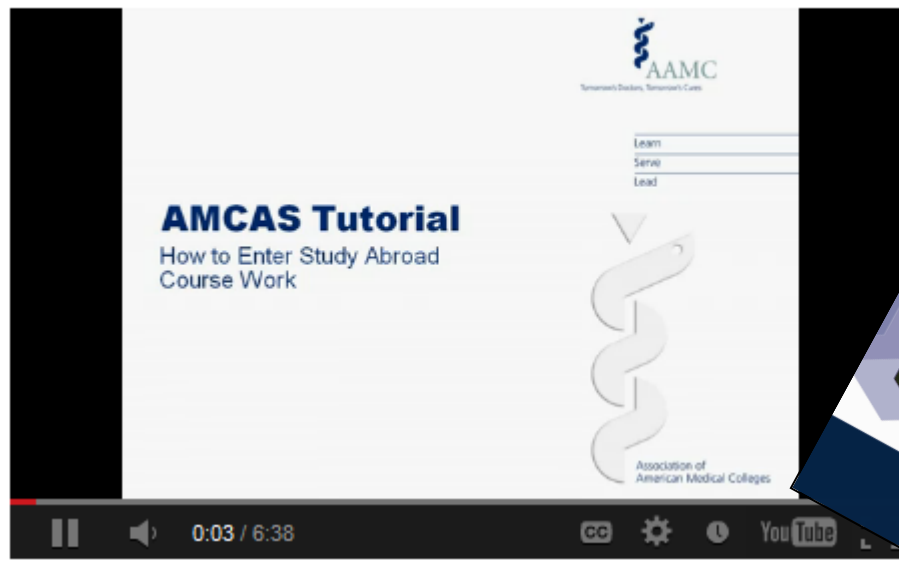
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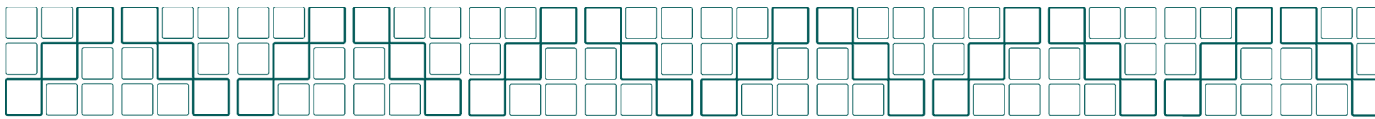
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No



How to Enter Study Abroad Course Work





3. Biographic Information

BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SUMMARY

You have completed the Biographic Information section of your application. Please review the following information for accuracy and completeness.

Preferred Address

2450 N St NW
Washington, District of Columbia 20037
United States of America
Day Phone: 202-828-0600
Email: mmcmanamon@aamc.org

Permanent Address

2450 N St NW
Washington, District of Columbia 20037
United States of America
Day Phone: 202-828-0600
Email: mmcmanamon@aamc.org

Citizenship

Country: Aruba
Visa Type: Adjustment of Status (AOS)

Legal Residence

Country: United States
State: Alabama
County: Cleburne

Ethnicity

Cuban

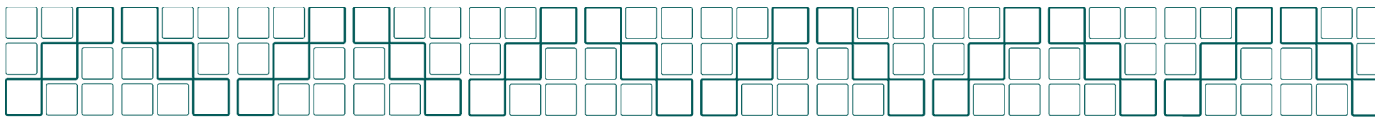
Race

American Indian or Alaska Native
Afro-Caribbean
Black or African American

Language, Proficiency, Use in Childhood Home

Persian, Native/functionally native, Always
Cajun, Advanced, Often
Pennsylvania Dutch, Fair, Never

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4. Course Work

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COURSE WORK

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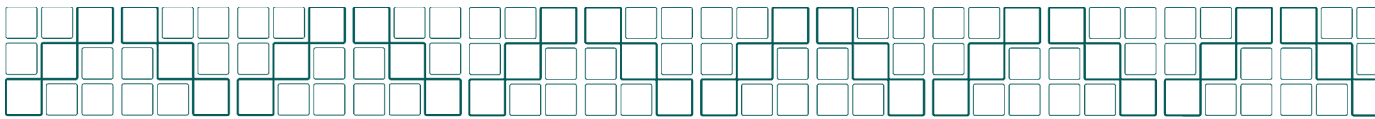
Prior to entering your coursework, you are encouraged to watch some brief tutorials that will guide you through the process of entering your coursework. Click on the links below to learn about the process of entering:

- ▶ [Watch Basic Coursework Tutorial](#)
- ▶ [Watch AP Coursework/Credit Tutorial](#)
- ▶ [Watch Current and Future Coursework Tutorial \(where you have not yet earned a grade\)](#)
- ▶ [Watch Study Abroad Coursework Tutorial](#)

Schools Attended		
Alabama A & M University (2005-2009)	0 courses entered	Add Courses

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5. Work/Activities

WORK/ ACTIVITIES

Experience Type: *

Experience Name: *

Start Date: *

End Date: *

Average Hours/Week:

Organization Name:

Country

- ☒ United States
- ☐ Canada
- ☐ Other...
- ☐ Decline to Answer

State

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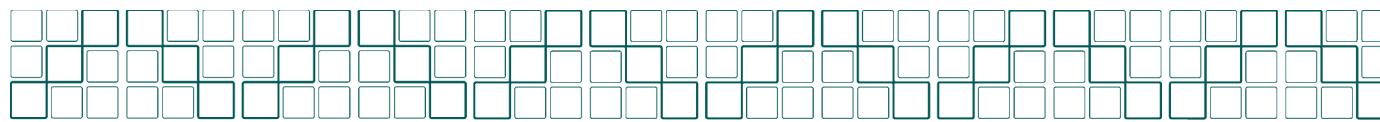
- Maximum of 15 entries
- Maximum of 3 “Most Meaningful”

☒ This is one of my most meaningful experiences. ?

This is your opportunity to summarize why you have selected this experience as one of your most meaningful. In your remarks, you might consider the transformative nature of the experience: the impact you made while engaging in the experience and the personal growth you experienced as a result of your participation.

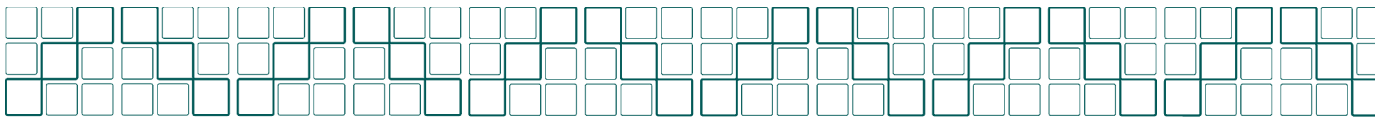
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Work/Activities

- NEW! You can now indicate repeated activities
 - Up to four separate date ranges
 - Future end dates up to the start of the matriculation year (*up to August 2015*)
 - You will specify the total hours spent on this activity for each date range
- Work/Activities entries will be shown in the order they are entered within the online application
 - These entries are still sorted by each medical school's preference during application review



6. Letters of Evaluation

ADD A LETTER OF EVALUATION

Many medical schools determine whether or not an applicant has met their letter of evaluation/recommendation requirements by the type of letters they receive in support of an application. For example, a medical school may require a committee letter OR three individual letters in support of your application.

For medical schools' requirements regarding letters of evaluation/recommendation, click Help.

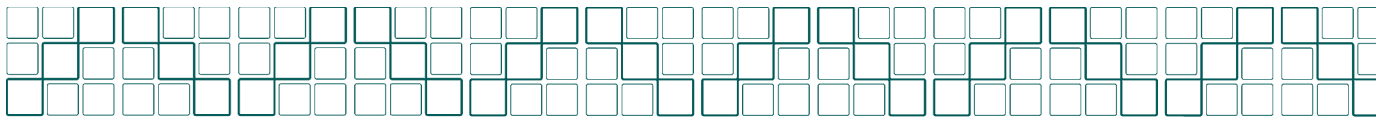
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- ☐ Committee Letter: A committee is a letter authored by a pre-health committee or pre-health advisor and intended to represent your institution's evaluation of you. A committee letter may or may not include additional letters written in support of your application. A Committee Letter is sometimes called a composite letter.
- ☐ Letter Packet: A packet or set of letters assembled and distributed by your institution, often by the institution's career center.
- ☐ Individual Letter: An individual letter refers only to a letter authored by, and representing, a single letter writer. **If you have already included an individual letter within either a committee letter or letter packet, you do not need to add a separate entry for the individual letter.**


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6. Letters of Evaluation



March 24, 2010

AMCAS, attn: AMCAS Letters
AAMC Medical School Application Services
P.O. Box 18958
Washington, DC 20036

To Whom It May Concern:

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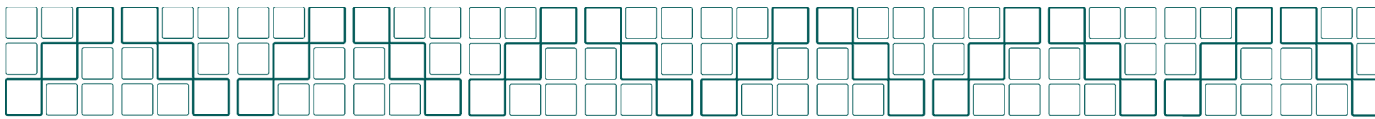
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Sincerely,



Dr. Amy Smith
Association of American Medical Colleges

Many medical schools **require** that letters of evaluation are on **official letterhead** and bear the **signature** of the author



8. Essay(s)

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PERSONAL COMMENTS

Use the space provided to explain why you want to go to medical school. The available space for your response is 5300 characters, or approximately one full page. You will receive an error message if you exceed the available space. For additional assistance, click "help" on the tool bar at the top of the screen. *

[What information should I consider including in my personal comments?](#)

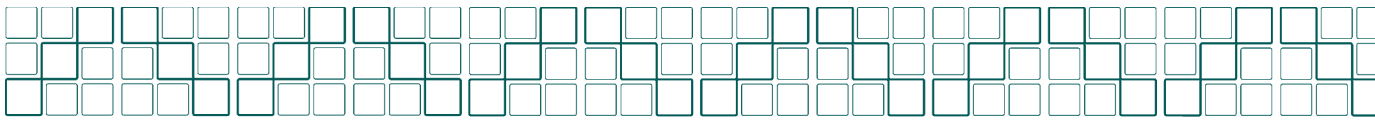
I want to be a doctor!

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9. Standardized Tests: MCAT

MCAT

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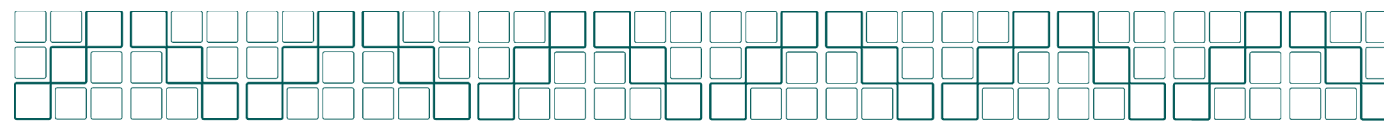
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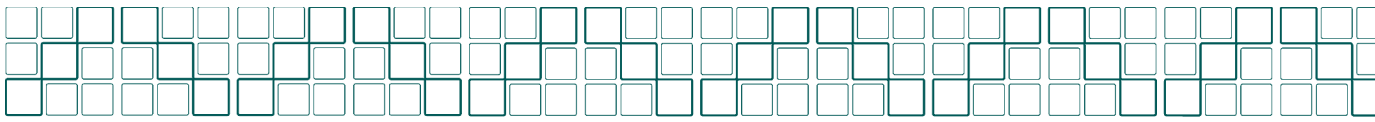
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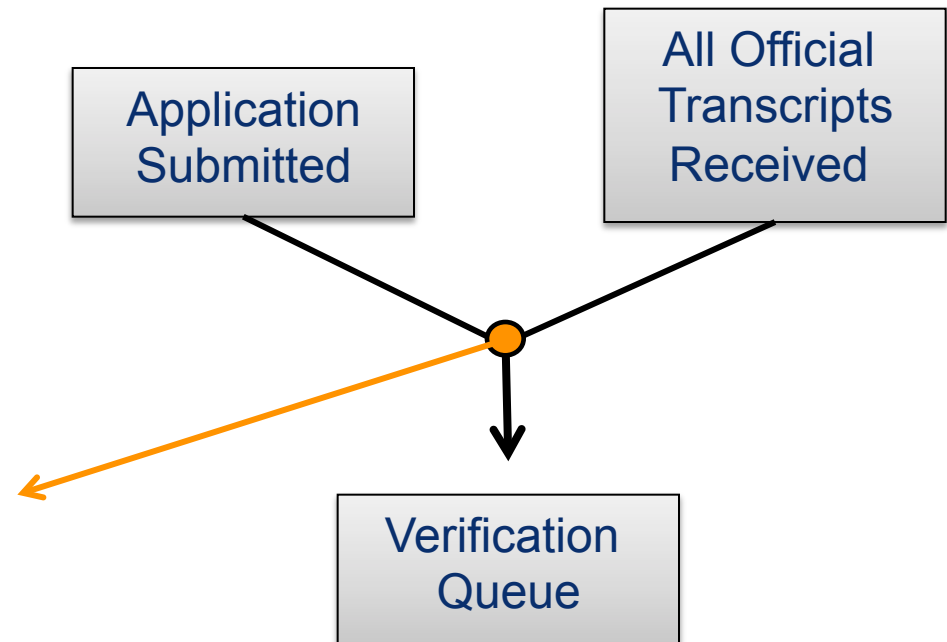
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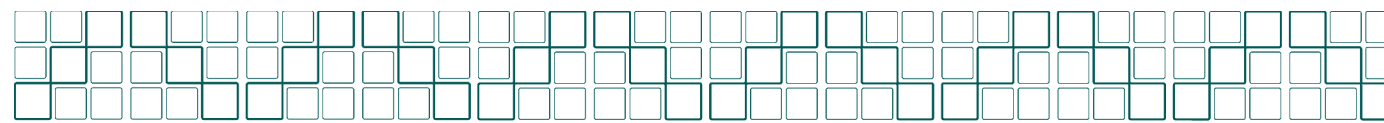
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Transcripts

- Once your application is submitted and all required official transcripts are received, your application will join the verification queue
 - You should consult the AMCAS Instruction Manual and video tutorials to ensure that all coursework is entered accurately
 - From date of “**Ready to Review**” application status, about 6 weeks

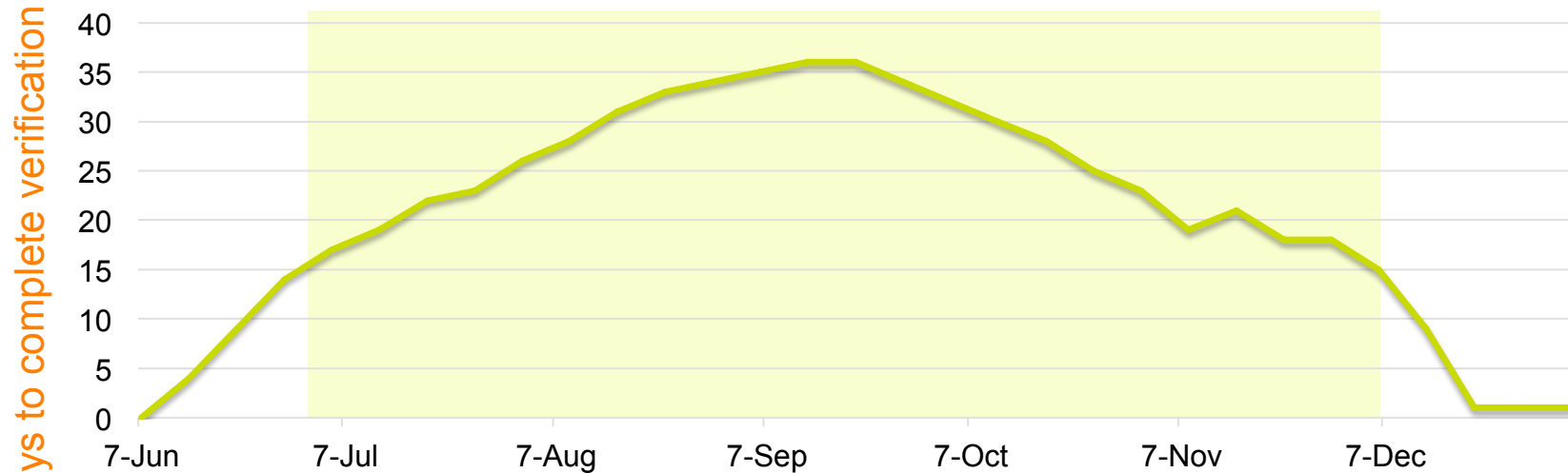


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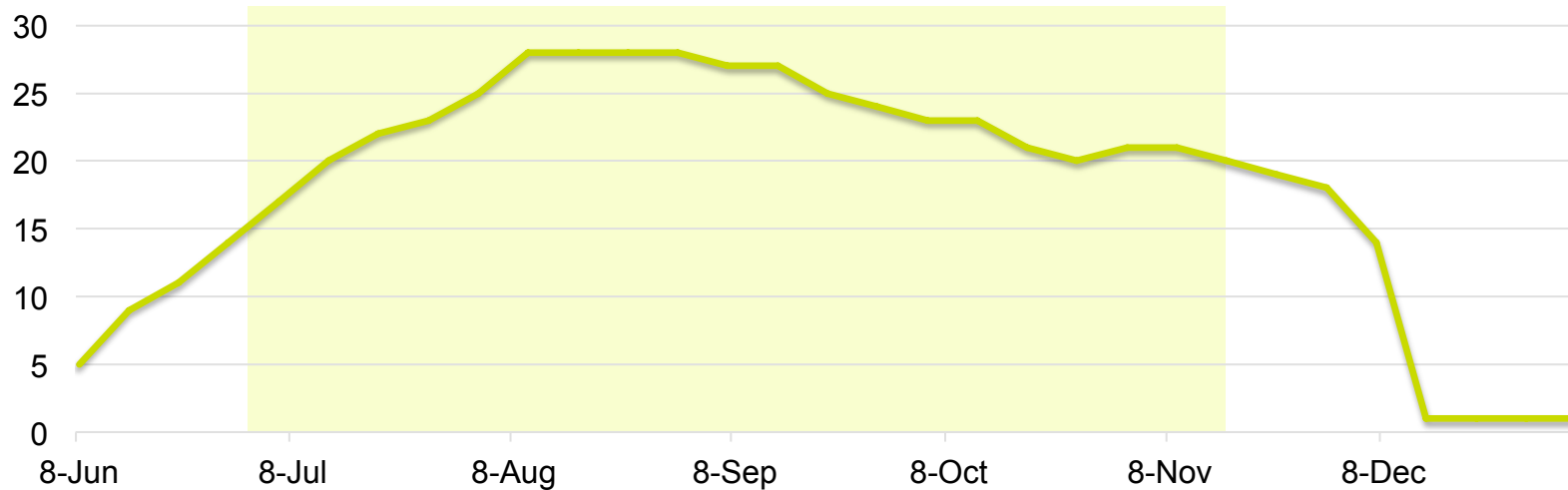


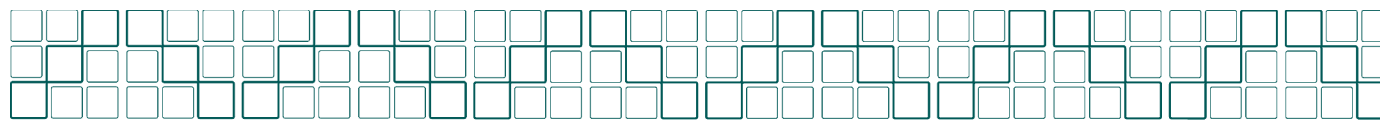
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2014 Application Cycle



2013 Application Cycle

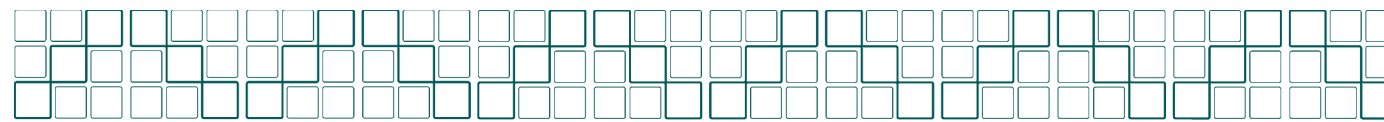




"Keep in mind the importance of getting in your application as early as possible," he says. **"The admissions process works on a rolling basis, with available seats going to successful applicants as they are chosen. If you wait until later in the admissions cycle, there may not be any seats left. It is to your advantage to get in the admissions process as early as possible."**

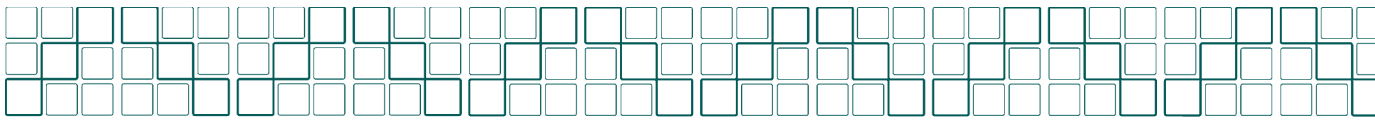
Contributed by Senior Consultant Dr. Wayne Shelton. Wayne served on the admissions committee at Albany Medical College for 12 years and has been an adjunct faculty member at Weill Cornell Medical College since 2007.

http://www.admissionsconsultants.com/medical/apply_early.asp



Fact: you must apply early!

No exceptions, no way, no how!



Post-Submission Changes

- Once your application is submitted you can make changes to limited content of your application using the “Update Application” button.

The screenshot displays the AMCAS application portal interface. At the top, the header includes the AMCAS and AAMC logos, along with navigation links: MAIN MENU, Help, Contact Us, and Log Off. Below the header, the user is identified as 'Srutestuser12 Srutestuser12 (Staging)' with AAMC ID: 13263381. A progress bar shows the status of various application sections: 1. Identifying Information, 2. Schools Attended, 3. Biographic Information, 4. Course Work, 5. Work/Activities, 6. Letters of Evaluation, 7. Medical Schools, 8. Essay(s), and 9. Standardized Tests. The 'MAIN MENU' section on the left provides account information for the applicant 'Srutestuser12' and indicates that the status is 'AMCAS Processing is Complete'. The 'Application Sections' list on the right shows that all sections are 'Completed'. On the far right, a vertical column of buttons includes 'Submit Application', 'Update Application' (circled in green), 'Print Application', 'Print Transcript Request Form', 'Print Letter Request Forms', 'Academic Change Request', 'Edit Password', and 'Withdraw Application'. The 'Update Application' button is highlighted with a green oval, indicating the correct action for making post-submission changes.

2013 Application Srutestuser12 Srutestuser12 (Staging) | AAMC ID: 13263381

1. Identifying Information 2. Schools Attended 3. Biographic Information 4. Course Work 5. Work/Activities 6. Letters of Evaluation 7. Medical Schools 8. Essay(s) 9. Standardized Tests

MAIN MENU

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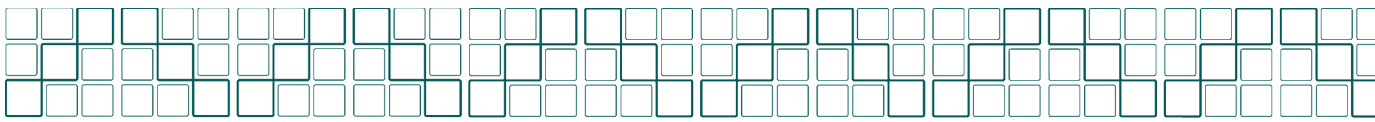
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4. Course Work	Completed
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6. Letters of Evaluation	Completed
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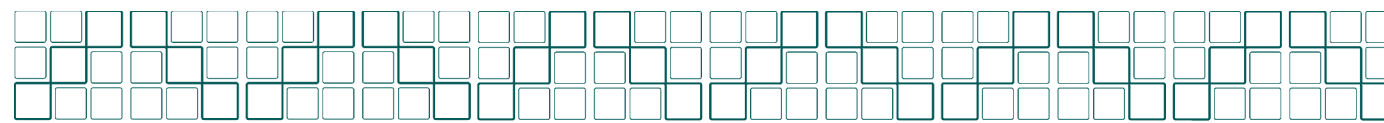
Application Submitted: Jun 07, 2012 12:01:54 PM

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Post-Submission Changes

- Only these items can be updated or changed in your application after it has been submitted:
 - ID Numbers
 - Name
 - Including full legal name, preferred name, and alternate names
 - Contact Information
 - Mailing addresses
 - Alternate contact information
 - Date of birth, birth address, and sex
 - Letters of Evaluation
 - Notification that a letter will no longer be sent
 - Addition of up to 10 letter entries
 - Next MCAT testing date
 - Addition of Medical Schools or changes to existing program types
 - Deadlines, fees, and restrictions apply
 - Release application information to school-designated pre-health advisor

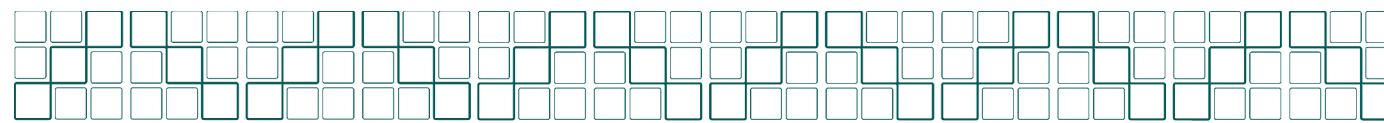


Criminal Background Checks

- Participating medical schools have Criminal Background Checks on their accepted or waitlisted applicants facilitated by the AAMC
- Applicants will receive an e-mail notification from Certiphi Screening, Inc., initiating the background check
- Applicants have 10 calendar days to review their report for irregularities, after that time it will automatically be sent to the medical school(s)
- There is no additional charge to the applicant for this service

CBC Schedule

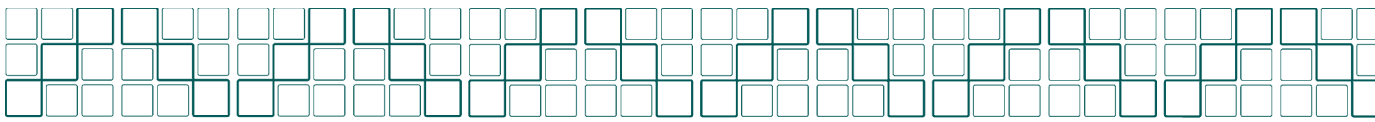
Application Status	CBC Procured
Accepted, Early Decision Program	Upon Acceptance
Accepted, Regular	After January 1
Alternate List	After May 15, by school's request only



Multiple Accept Data

- Medical schools cannot view the number or names of other schools that you have applied to
- Medical schools have access to:
 - Multiple Accept Data (**February 10**)
This report allows medical schools to see other schools to which an applicant they have accepted is also currently holding an acceptance decision
 - The National Acceptance Report (**April 1**)
This report lists all applicants with a current Acceptance or Matriculated action

See the [Traffic Rules for Applicants](#) for more info



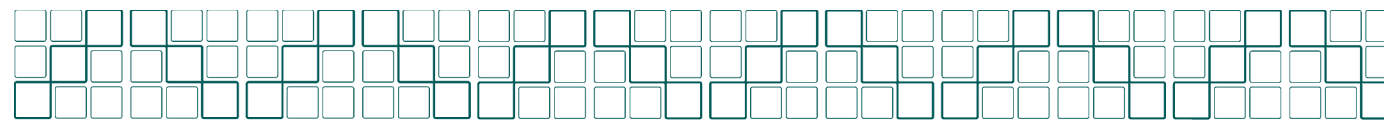
Fee Assistance Program

- Reduction of MCAT Registration fee
- Free copy of The Official Guide to the MCAT Exam & access code for The Official MCAT Self-Assessment Package® (if award is used to register for MCAT exam)
- Free access to MSAR Online
- Waiver of AMCAS application fees for up to 15 medical schools
- Benefits are only valid for the calendar year in which the award is granted.

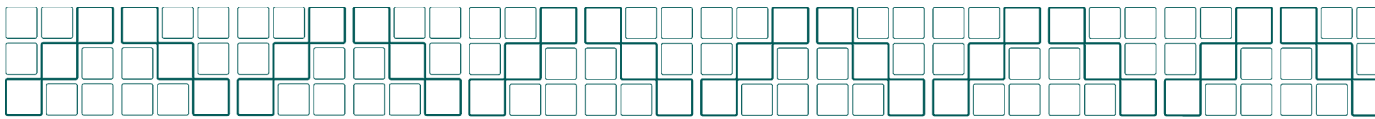
- **Apply:** www.aamc.org/fap



Apply for fee assistance before registering for the MCAT or submitting an AMCAS application. Benefits cannot be applied retroactively.

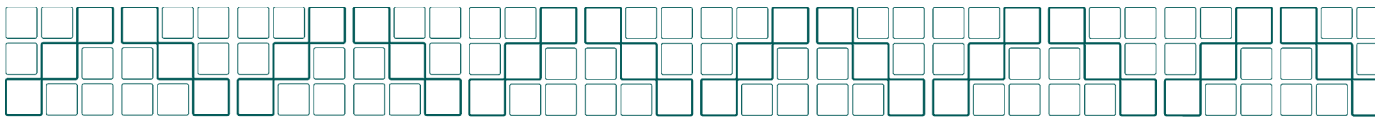


How hard is it to get in?



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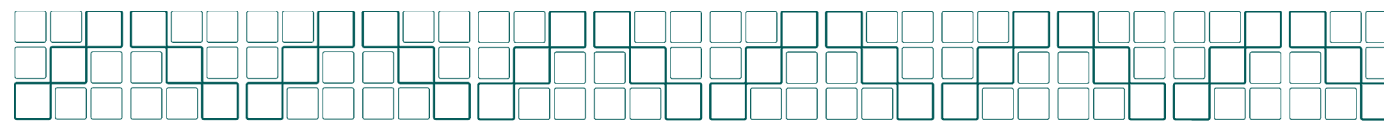
No absolutes in this process, **but**
the data don't lie!



What % of applicants matriculate?

41.1%

20,343 matriculants out of 49,480 applicants in 2014



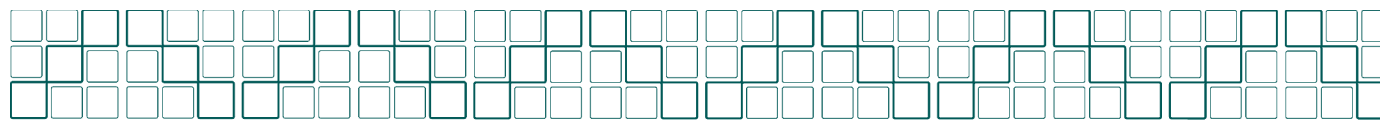
NIH Applicant timeline for admission in 2015:

January 2015

WORKSHOP – *Choosing and Applying to Medical School*

February 2015

Contact undergraduate institution's pre-medical advising office to determine policies for interviews, cover letters, assembling letters of recommendation, etc.



NIH Applicant timeline for admission in 2015:

March 3rd 2015

WORKSHOP – *Writing your
personal statement*

March – April 2015

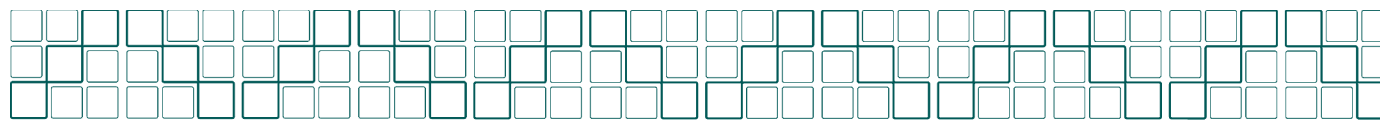
Contact references

March – May 2015

Take the MCAT if necessary

May 1st 2015

AMCAS opens; begin filling in
information



NIH Applicant timeline for admission in 2015:

May 18th 2015

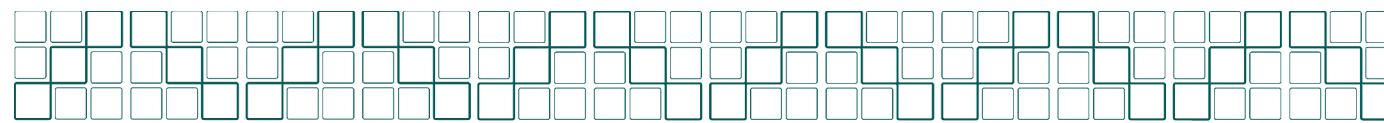
WORKSHOP: *Filling out the AMCAS*

May – early June 2015

Review *Final Draft* of Personal Statement, AMCAS, and list of schools

4 – 15 June 2015

Submit AMCAS



NIH Applicant timeline for admission in 2015:

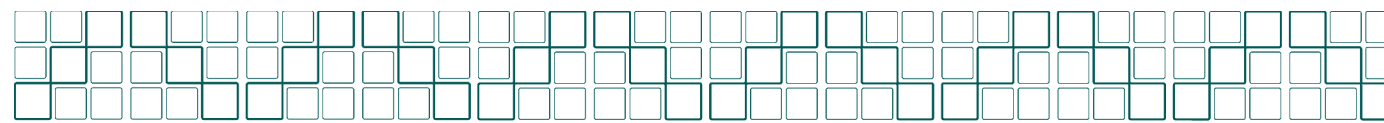
July 15th 2015

**Graduate & Professional
School Fair @ NIH**

- 3 Deans of Admissions
- Panel of MD/PhD Program Directors
- Schools Booths
- Talk: How to prepare for the Interview

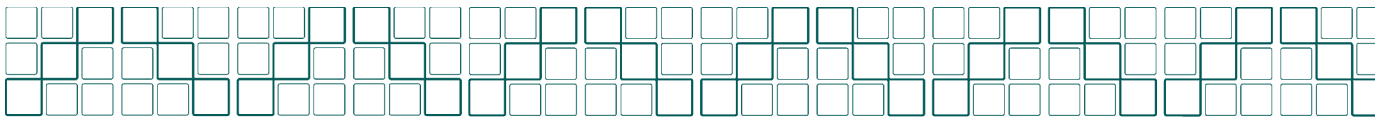
OITE Group Mock Interviews

Individual Mock Interviews



The cost of applying

- AMCAS
 - \$160 for one + \$36. for each additional School
- MCAT - \$300.
 - MCAT Prep course? - \$1,000 - \$1,700.
- Secondary applications
- Interviewing clothes
- Interview airfare & lodging

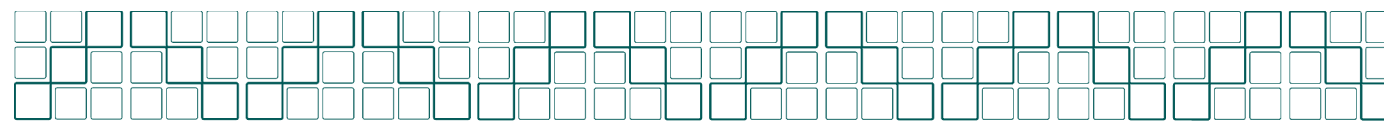


Know the Cost of Attending

Cost, M1 In-State, 2014-15	Public	Private
Median Tuition & Fees	\$34,540 (↑4%)	\$53,714 (↑3%)
Median Cost of Attendance (COA)	\$56,779 (↑2%)	\$76,376 (↑4%)
Median 4-Yr. COA for Class of 2015	\$226,447 (↑3%)	\$298,538 (↑4%)

Source: AAMC TSF Survey preliminary data from 85 public schools and 55 private schools.

<https://www.aamc.org/download/152968/data/debtfactcard.pdf>



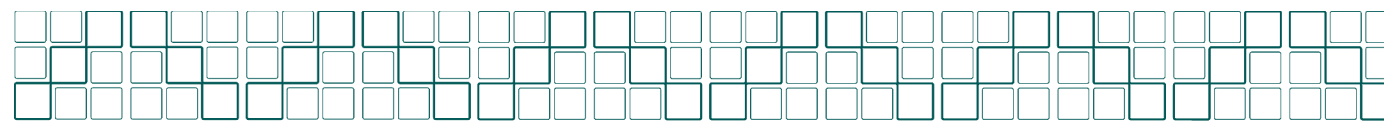
Value of an M.D. Degree

	B.A./B.S. Business	M.D. Internal Medicine
Starting Age	22	29
Starting Salary	\$40,000 in 2008	\$190,000 in 2015
Savings at Age 65	\$1.4 M	\$3.3 M

Assumptions: Salaries grow at 3.5% per year, savings grow at 7.5% annually.

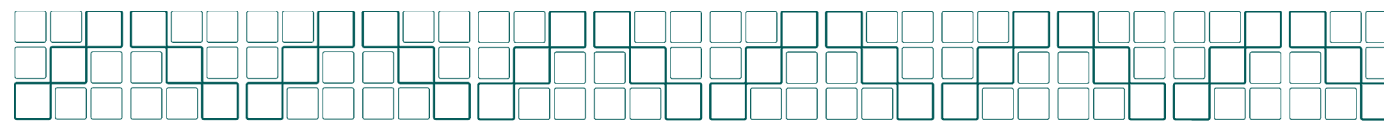
B.A./B.S.: Annual savings rate of 5% from 25 to 34; 10% from 35 to 65; Works 44 years.

M.D.: Annual savings rate of 2% (29 to 39), 10% (40 to 65). Practice for 37 yrs



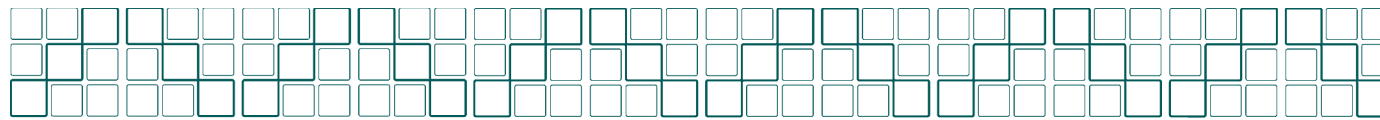
Tips for your application:

You **MUST** identify the strengths and weaknesses of your application before you begin!



A School's Selection Criteria

- Numbers! GPA and MCAT
 - In State and Out Of State
- Clinical experience
- Research
- Volunteering
- Other qualities (“well-rounded” candidates)
- Other factors, *e.g.*, legacy



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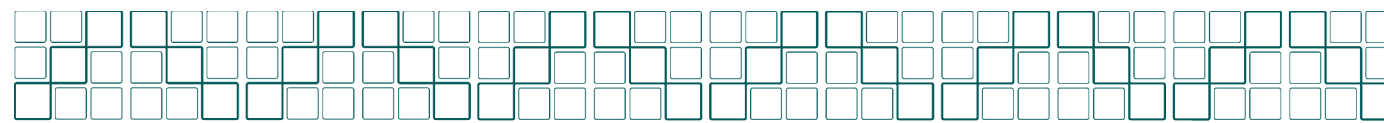
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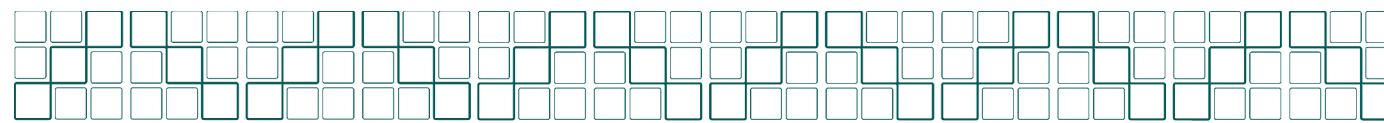
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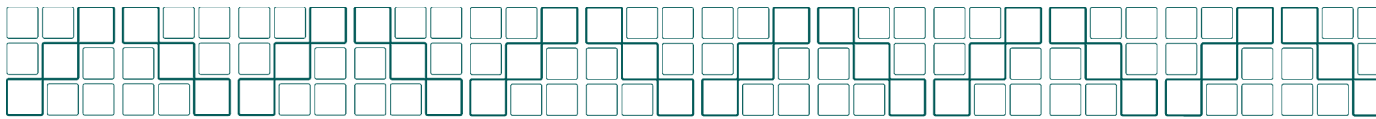


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Applicant and acceptee statistics	•	•
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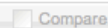
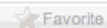
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Albany, New York · Private Institution



First Year Class/Total Enrollment: 137 / 573
Tuition and Fees Resident/Non-resident: \$48,241 / \$48,241
Primary Application: AMCAS, Latest Application Filing Date: November 1, 2011
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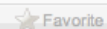


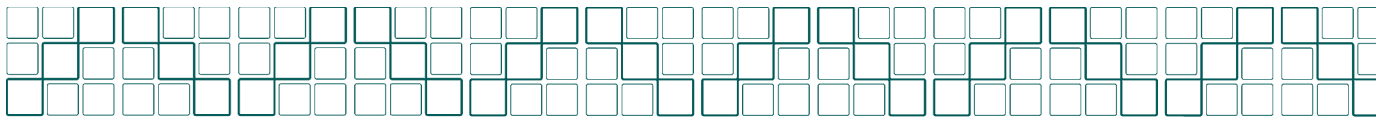
Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University

Bronx, New York · Private Institution



First Year Class/Total Enrollment: 183 / 780
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Founded
1839

First Year Class
137

Total Enrollment
573

Classes Begin
August 2012

Est. Number of New Entrants
140

Early Decision Program
0

Special Programs
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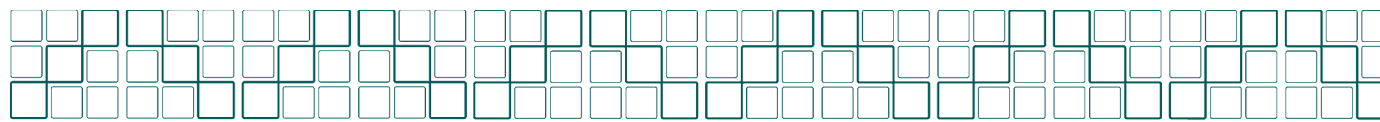
About this Medical School

General Information

Founded in 1839, Albany Medical College is one of the oldest medical schools in the country and one of the largest teaching hospitals in New York State. The college is coeducational, nondenominational, and privately supported. The college and the 650-bed Albany Medical Center Hospital comprise Albany Medical Center. Patient care, from primary to tertiary, is provided for over 2.5 million residents of eastern New York and western New England.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Albany Medical College is to: educate medical students, physicians, bio-medical scientists, and other health professionals from demographically diverse backgrounds to meet future primary and specialty health care needs; foster biomedical research that leads to scientific advances and improvement of public health; and provide a broad range of patient services.



Our data source:

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← → ↻ <https://www.aamc.org/data/facts/>

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The AAMC FACTS tables comprise the most comprehensive and objective data on U.S. medical school applicants, matriculants, enrollment, graduates, Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) applicants, and MD/PhD students available to the public free of charge.

Applicants and Matriculants Data

- Table 1: U.S. Medical School Applications and Matriculants by School, State of Legal Residence, and Sex, 2012 [PDF](#)
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- [More Applicants and Matriculants Data](#)

Enrollment, Graduates, and MD/PhD Data

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Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS®) Data

- Table 38: Residency Applicants by Specialty and Sex, 2012 [PDF](#)



Table 17: MCAT Scores and GPAs for Applicants and Matriculants to U.S. Medical Schools, 2003-2014



Average MCAT scores and GPAs for applicants and matriculants are displayed below. Please email us at datarequest@aamc.org if you need further assistance or have additional inquiries.

→ Applicants		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
MCAT VR	Mean	8.6	8.9	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.2
	SD*	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.1
MCAT PS	Mean	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.3	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5
	SD	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
MCAT BS	Mean	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.9
	SD	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
→ Total MCAT	Mean	26.8	27.1	27.3	27.4	27.7	28.1	27.9	28.3	28.2	28.3	28.4	28.6
	SD	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
MCAT WS	Median	P	O	O	O	O	P	O	P	P	P	P	P
GPA Science	Mean	3.36	3.36	3.37	3.38	3.39	3.40	3.41	3.43	3.43	3.44	3.44	3.45
	SD	0.46	0.46	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.44	0.44	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.42
GPA Non-Science	Mean	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.61	3.62	3.63	3.64	3.65	3.65	3.66	3.66	3.67
	SD	0.33	0.33	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.31	0.31	0.30	0.30	0.31	0.30	0.30
GPA Total	Mean	3.47	3.47	3.48	3.48	3.49	3.50	3.51	3.53	3.53	3.54	3.54	3.55
	SD	0.37	0.37	0.36	0.37	0.36	0.36	0.35	0.35	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34
Total Applicants		34,791	35,735	37,372	39,108	42,315	42,231	42,268	42,741	43,919	45,266	48,014	49,480

→ Matriculants		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
MCAT VR	Mean	9.5	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.8	10.0	10.0
	SD	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6
MCAT PS	Mean	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.6
	SD	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
MCAT BS	Mean	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.7	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.9	10.8	10.9
	SD	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5
→ Total MCAT	Mean	29.6	29.9	30.2	30.3	30.8	30.9	30.8	31.1	31.1	31.2	31.3	31.4
	SD	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9
MCAT WS	Median	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
GPA Science	Mean	3.55	3.56	3.56	3.57	3.59	3.60	3.60	3.61	3.61	3.63	3.63	3.63
	SD	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.34	0.33	0.33	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.31	0.31	0.31
GPA Non-Science	Mean	3.70	3.70	3.70	3.71	3.73	3.73	3.74	3.75	3.74	3.75	3.76	3.77
	SD	0.26	0.26	0.27	0.26	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.24	0.25	0.24	0.23	0.24
GPA Total	Mean	3.62	3.62	3.63	3.64	3.65	3.66	3.66	3.67	3.67	3.68	3.69	3.69
	SD	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.27	0.27	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.25	0.25
Total Matriculants		16,541	16,648	17,003	17,361	17,759	18,036	18,390	18,665	19,230	19,517	20,055	20,343

* SD = Standard Deviation



Table 17: MCAT Scores and GPAs for Applicants and Matriculants to U.S. Medical Schools, 2003-2014

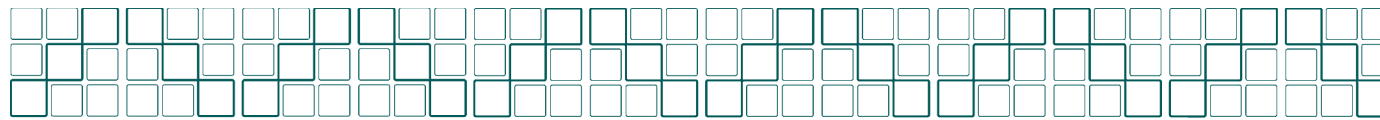


Average MCAT scores and GPAs for applicants and matriculants are displayed below. Please email us at datarequest@aamc.org if you need further assistance or have additional inquiries.

→ Applicants		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
MCAT VR	Mean	8.6	8.9	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.2
	SD*	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.1
MCAT PS	Mean	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.3	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5
	SD	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
MCAT BS	Mean	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.9
	SD	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Total MCAT	Mean	26.8	27.1	27.3	27.4	27.7	28.1	27.9	28.3	28.2	28.3	28.4	28.6
	SD	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
MCAT WS	Median	P	O	O	O	O	P	O	P	P	P	P	P
→ GPA Science	Mean	3.36	3.36	3.37	3.38	3.39	3.40	3.41	3.43	3.43	3.44	3.44	3.45
	SD	0.46	0.46	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.44	0.44	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.42
GPA Non-Science	Mean	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.61	3.62	3.63	3.64	3.65	3.65	3.66	3.66	3.67
	SD	0.33	0.33	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.31	0.31	0.30	0.30	0.31	0.30	0.30
GPA Total	Mean	3.47	3.47	3.48	3.48	3.49	3.50	3.51	3.53	3.53	3.54	3.54	3.55
	SD	0.37	0.37	0.36	0.37	0.36	0.36	0.35	0.35	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34
Total Applicants		34,791	35,735	37,372	39,108	42,315	42,231	42,268	42,741	43,919	45,266	48,014	49,480

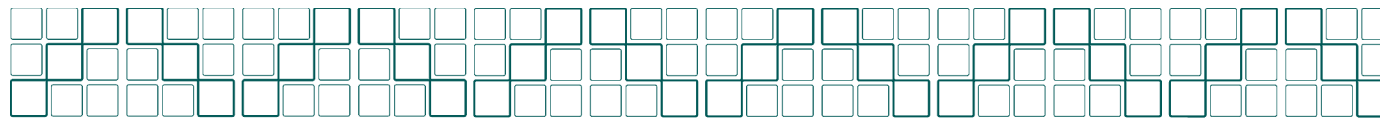
→ Matriculants		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
MCAT VR	Mean	9.5	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.8	10.0	10.0
	SD	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6
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MCAT WS	Median	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
→ GPA Science	Mean	3.55	3.56	3.56	3.57	3.59	3.60	3.60	3.61	3.61	3.63	3.63	3.63
	SD	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.34	0.33	0.33	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.31	0.31	0.31
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2014 Data

Criterion	Applicants	Matriculants
MCAT VR	9.2	10.0
MCAT PS	9.5	10.6
MCAT BS	9.9	10.9
MCAT Total	28.6	31.4
Science GPA	3.45	3.63
Overall GPA	3.54	3.69
Numbers	49,480	20,343



Not only numbers matter!!

Table 24: MCAT and GPA Grid for Applicants and Acceptees to U.S. Medical Schools, 2012-2014 (aggregated)



The table below displays the acceptance rates at different MCAT and GPA levels for applicants and accepted applicants from 2012 to 2014. The frequencies are combined totals of all three years. Please email us at datarequest@aamc.org if you need further assistance or have additional inquiries.

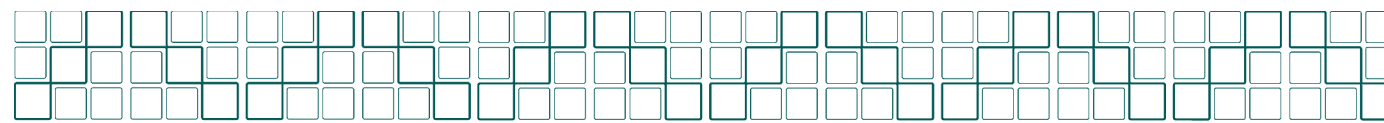
Acceptance Rate for Applicants, 2012-2014 (aggregated)		Total MCAT Scores										All Applicants
		5-14	15-17	18-20	21-23	24-26	27-29	30-32	33-35	36-38	39-45	
Total GPA												
3.80-4.00	Acceptees	3	4	57	317	1,363	4,232	7,110	6,298	3,688	1,385	24,457
	Applicants	80	162	524	1,526	3,554	6,978	9,361	7,504	4,176	1,519	35,384
	Acceptance rate %	3.8	2.5	10.9	20.8	38.4	60.6	76.0	83.9	88.3	91.2	69.1
3.60-3.79	Acceptees	.	8	83	371	1,332	3,725	5,997	4,513	1,782	435	18,246
	Applicants	177	367	1,024	2,332	4,866	8,284	9,359	5,973	2,235	514	35,131
	Acceptance rate %	.	2.2	8.1	15.9	27.4	45.0	64.1	75.6	79.7	84.6	51.9
3.40-3.59	Acceptees	1	13	67	314	1,010	2,307	3,600	2,382	819	176	10,689
	Applicants	336	553	1,278	2,607	4,691	7,151	7,455	3,854	1,176	234	29,335
	Acceptance rate %	0.3	2.4	5.2	12.0	21.5	32.3	48.3	61.8	69.6	75.2	36.4
3.20-3.39	Acceptees	.	5	41	249	604	1,012	1,453	889	316	74	4,643
	Applicants	370	561	1,168	2,262	3,344	4,369	4,106	1,902	547	113	18,742
	Acceptance rate %	.	0.9	3.5	11.0	18.1	23.2	35.4	46.7	57.8	65.5	24.8
3.00-3.19	Acceptees	.	2	25	123	375	455	530	313	112	21	1,954
	Applicants	388	553	928	1,578	2,218	2,361	1,851	808	233	40	10,958
	Acceptance rate %	.	0.4	2.7	7.8	16.8	19.3	28.6	38.7	48.1	52.5	17.8
2.80-2.99	Acceptees	.	4	19	54	132	158	179	85	22	7	660
	Applicants	368	386	626	908	1,069	998	746	310	86	24	5,521
	Acceptance rate %	.	1.0	3.0	5.9	12.3	15.8	24.0	27.4	25.6	29.2	12.0
2.60-2.79	Acceptees	.	1	12	24	47	57	59	33	15	3	251
	Applicants	274	284	355	486	512	388	276	117	47	10	2,749
	Acceptance rate %	.	0.4	3.4	4.9	9.2	14.7	21.4	28.2	31.9	30.0	9.1
2.40-2.59	Acceptees	.	.	2	8	19	22	18	6	3	1	79
	Applicants	196	151	179	240	221	152	109	37	17	2	1,304
	Acceptance rate %	.	.	1.1	3.3	8.6	14.5	16.5	16.2	17.6	50.0	6.1
2.20-2.39	Acceptees	.	.	.	.	7	8	6	1	.	.	22
	Applicants	132	77	94	91	88	68	39	14	5	3	611
	Acceptance rate %	.	.	.	.	8.0	11.8	15.4	7.1	.	.	3.6
2.00-2.19	Acceptees	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	.	.	.	4
	Applicants	53	40	42	28	30	14	11	2	.	.	220
	Acceptance rate %	.	.	.	.	.	14.3	18.2	.	.	.	1.8
1.47-1.99	Acceptees	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Applicants	42	9	10	12	8	6	3	.	.	.	90
	Acceptance rate %	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
All	Acceptees	4	37	306	1,460	4,887	11,978	18,954	14,520	6,757	2,102	61,005
	Applicants	2,416	3,143	6,228	12,070	20,601	30,769	33,316	20,521	8,522	2,459	140,045
	Acceptance rate %	0.2	1.2	4.9	12.1	23.7	38.9	56.9	70.8	79.3	85.5	43.6



Table 1: U.S. Medical School Applications and Matriculants by School, State of Legal Residence, and Sex, 2014

The number of 2014 applications and matriculants by U.S. medical schools, showing the percent of in state, out of state, women, and men, are displayed below. Please email us at datarequest@aamc.org if you need further assistance.

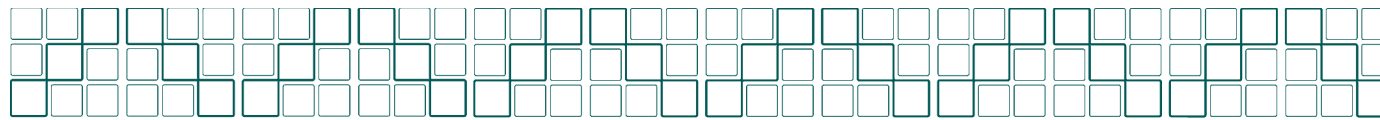
Applications by School, 2014		Applications	Applications				Matriculants	Matriculants			
			by In-State Status		by Sex*			by In-State Status		by Sex*	
			In State	Out of State	Women	Men		In State	Out of State	Women	Men
State	Medical School		%	%	%	%		%	%	%	%
AL	Alabama	3,107	14.1	85.9	44.2	55.8	186	90.9	9.1	44.6	55.4
	South Alabama	1,316	32.0	68.0	44.6	55.4	76	93.4	6.6	43.4	56.6
AR	Arkansas	2,329	14.8	85.2	43.2	56.8	168	84.5	15.5	41.1	58.9
AZ	Arizona	4,862	16.3	83.7	43.2	56.8	115	65.2	34.8	51.3	48.7
	Arizona Phoenix	3,866	11.6	88.4	43.1	56.9	80	68.8	31.3	48.8	51.3
CA	Loma Linda	5,859	41.1	58.9	46.1	53.9	168	42.9	57.1	42.9	57.1
	Southern Cal-Keck	7,566	52.7	47.3	45.5	54.5	185	76.8	23.2	49.2	50.8
	Stanford	7,452	34.9	65.1	42.7	57.2	90	43.3	56.7	51.1	48.9
	UC Davis	6,108	72.2	27.8	48.5	51.5	110	100.0	0.0	58.2	41.8
	UC Irvine	5,860	75.3	24.7	45.8	54.2	104	84.6	15.4	44.2	55.8
→	UC Riverside	5,349	76.6	23.4	47.7	52.3	50	100.0	0.0	52.0	48.0
	UC San Diego	7,280	57.8	42.2	44.6	55.4	124	76.6	23.4	50.0	50.0
	UC San Francisco ¹	7,508	47.8	52.2	46.3	53.7	165	78.8	21.2	53.9	46.1
	UCLA Drew	1,976	67.6	32.4	52.4	47.6	24	83.3	16.7	50.0	50.0
	UCLA-Geffen ²	8,179	60.8	39.2	47.2	52.7	151	82.1	17.9	57.0	43.0
CO	Colorado	6,302	10.9	89.1	43.4	56.6	182	64.3	35.7	46.2	53.8
CT	Connecticut	2,675	18.3	81.7	50.4	49.6	98	76.5	23.5	57.1	42.9
	Quinnipiac-Netter	5,146	7.2	92.8	49.7	50.3	90	23.3	76.7	45.6	54.4
	Yale	5,303	3.9	96.1	44.1	55.8	104	4.8	95.2	51.0	49.0
DC	George Washington	14,351	0.5	99.5	49.6	50.4	178	3.9	96.1	60.7	39.3
	Georgetown	13,016	0.5	99.5	47.5	52.5	196	4.1	95.9	49.0	51.0
	Howard	7,275	0.6	99.4	54.3	45.7	117	5.1	94.9	49.6	50.4
FL	FIU-Wertheim	4,141	49.4	50.6	48.3	51.7	119	81.5	18.5	50.4	49.6
	Florida	3,655	58.0	42.0	45.0	55.0	135	88.1	11.9	54.1	45.9
	Florida Atlantic-Schmidt	3,241	61.5	38.5	46.1	53.9	64	71.9	28.1	45.3	54.7
	Florida State	5,256	43.8	56.2	47.9	52.1	120	97.5	2.5	49.2	50.8
	Miami-Miller	7,513	26.6	73.4	44.2	55.7	199	43.2	56.8	46.2	53.8
	UCF	4,174	52.5	47.5	46.4	53.6	120	70.8	29.2	44.2	55.8
	USF-Morsani	3,990	56.0	44.0	46.3	53.7	170	69.4	30.6	42.4	57.6
GA	Emory	7,469	10.8	89.2	48.0	52.0	135	31.1	68.9	53.3	46.7
→	GRU MC Georgia	2,613	46.8	53.2	48.6	51.4	230	96.1	3.9	42.6	57.4
	Mercer	1,146	100.0	0.0	49.9	50.1	107	100.0	0.0	47.7	52.3



How many schools?

Which ones?

Not numbers only! (mission,
programs, location, etc.)



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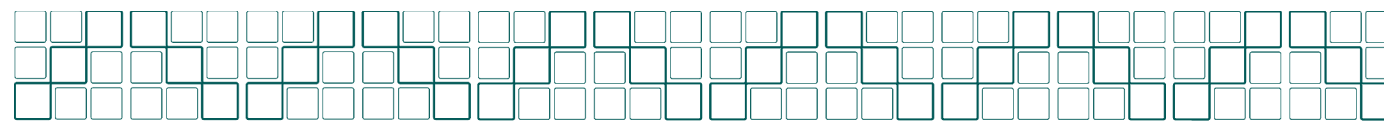
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#2	University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill Chapel Hill, NC	\$18,887 (in-state, full-time); \$45,766 (out-of-state, full-time)	827		
#3	University of California—San Francisco San Francisco, CA	\$32,106 (in-state, full-time); \$44,351 (out-of-state, full-time)	664		



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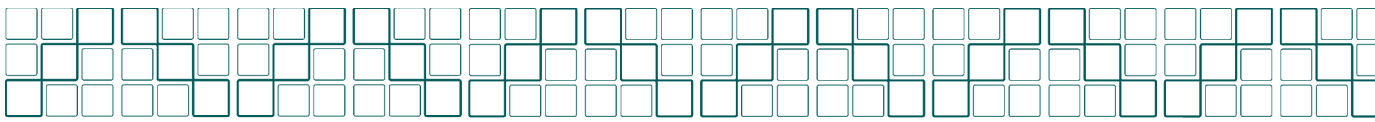
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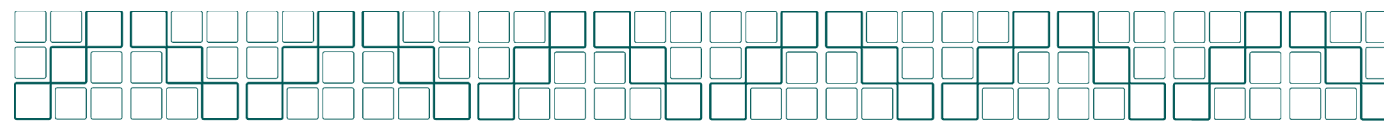
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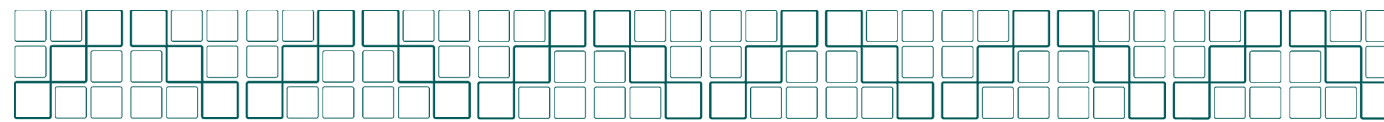
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- GPA - overall and science
 - Strength of transcript
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- MCAT scores
- Application essays
 - What do I tell the schools?
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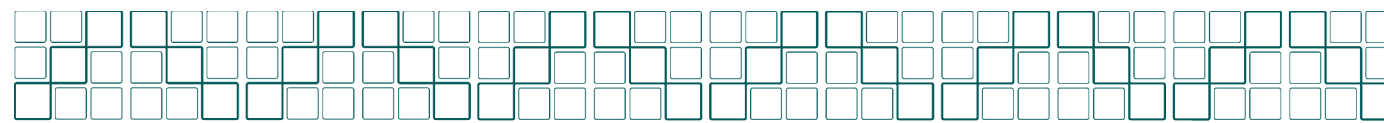


According to AMCAS, your personal statement,

- Attaches your personality to the rest of the application,
- Clarifies how you have prepared yourself for success in medical school,
- Explains why you want to pursue a career in medicine,
- Argues why you will make a good doctor.
- May include explanations

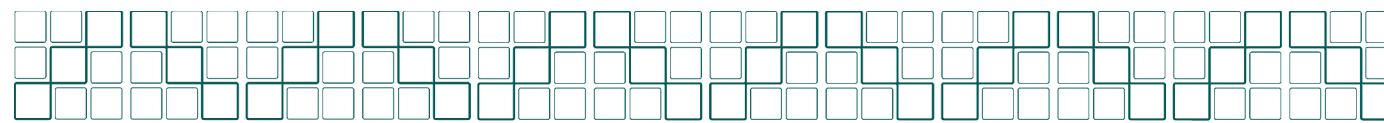


There are two questions you must remember to address when writing your personal statement.



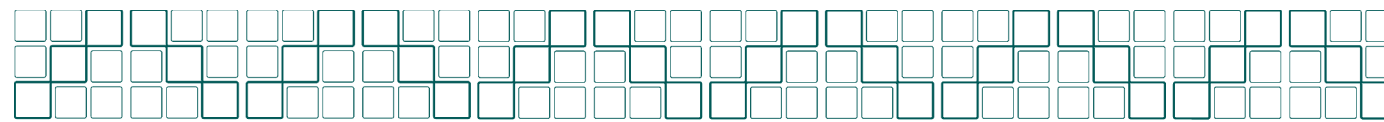
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Why will I be a good physician?

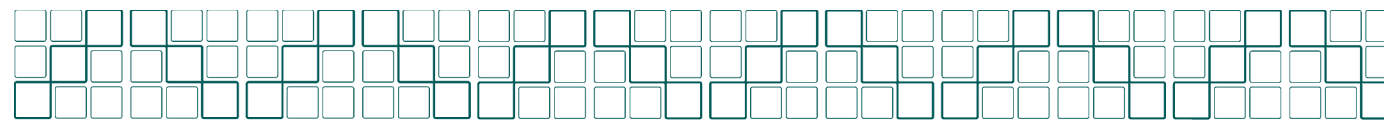


Considerations

- You must have a theme
- Anecdotes support and illustrate the theme
 - Not the other way around!
- Be definite, use concrete language
- Excitement! No downers!
- The Big Question: **WHY???**
- Don't write about the patients!!! Write about the physicians!

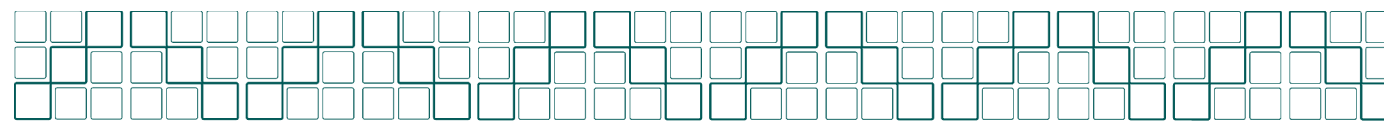


If you do not want to talk about something in an interview, do not write about it in your Personal Statement!



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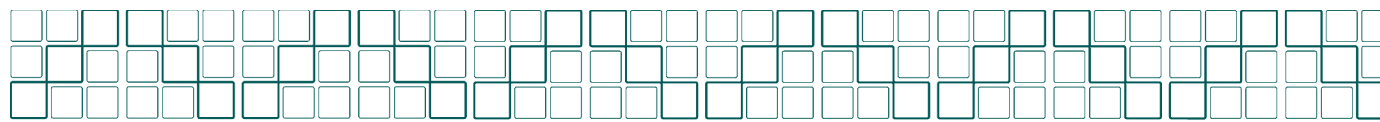
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Experience

- *Real* clinical experience in a hospital setting
 - Observe and talk about physicians, not patients
- Experiences with leadership and accomplishment
- Meaningful to you and has relevance in some way to your chosen career goal
- Display the *other* interests that help define who you are!
- New Guidelines for Clinical Shadowing Experiences

<https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/amcas/amcasresources/357264/clinical-shadowing.html>



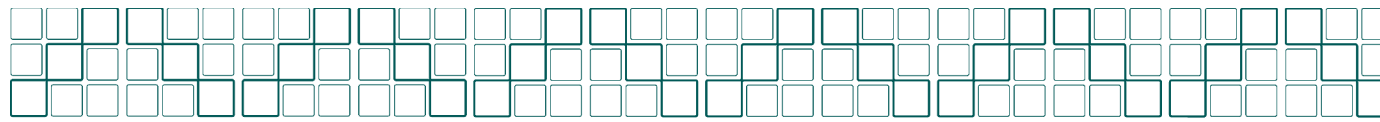
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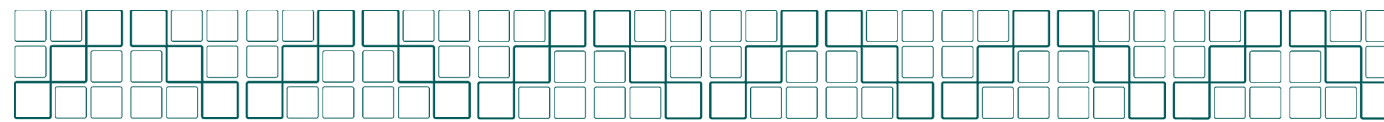
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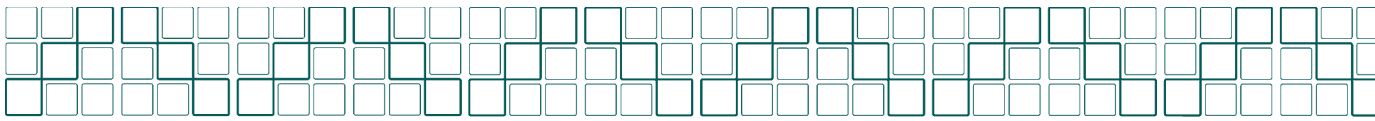
contains listings of volunteer and shadowing
opportunities under Extracurricular:



A word about recommendation letters.....

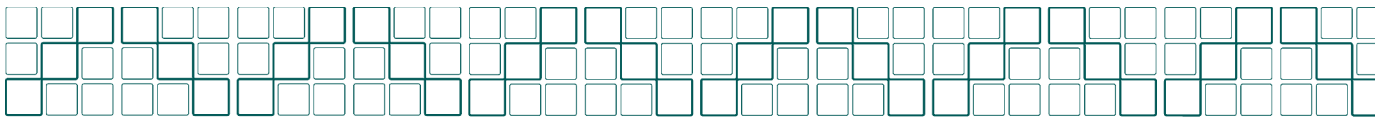


Never underestimate the
importance of your college pre-
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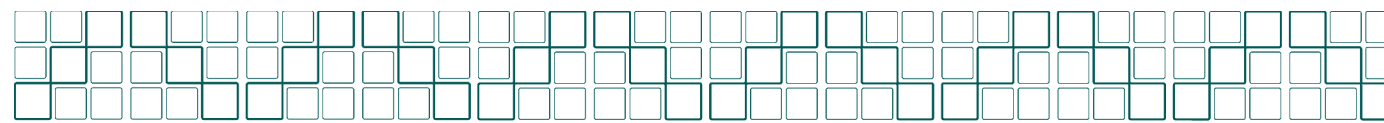


Selection Criteria

- GPA - overall and science
 - Strength of transcript
 - ALL grades reported
- MCAT scores
- Application
- Letters
- Experience
- Essays
- State of residence
- Interview

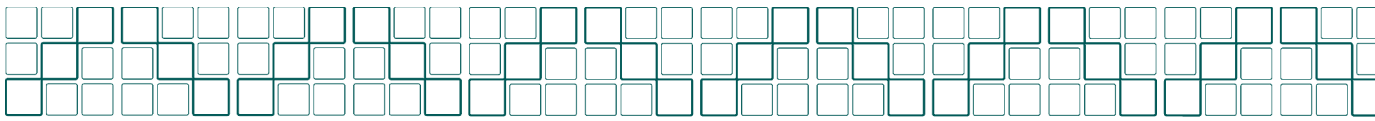


To kill any chance of admission,
just ignore any below average
component in the selection criteria
list.




Perhaps the one of the most important point made today:

If you do not meet the criteria previously presented, you must demonstrate your ongoing and current efforts to improve these factors.



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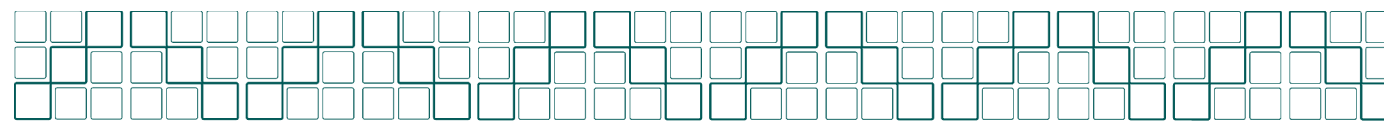
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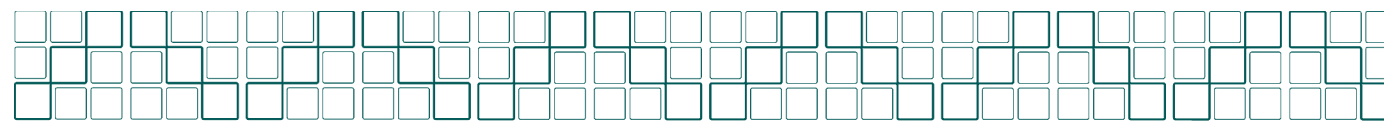
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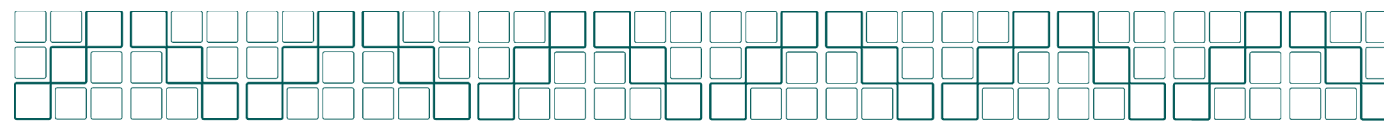
You can apply to the Scholarship Program **if you are committed to primary care** and accepted to or enrolled in a fully accredited training program for

- Physicians (MD or DO)
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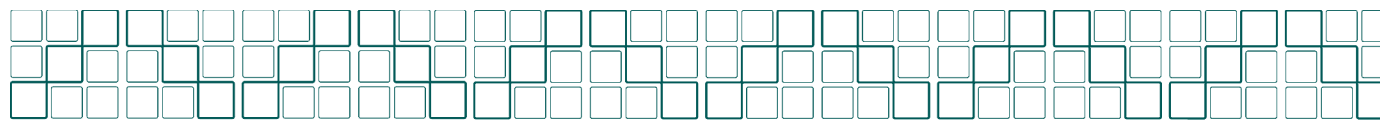
National Health Service Corps Scholarships:

- The scholarship pays tuition, fees, other educational costs, and provides a living stipend in return for a commitment to work at least 2 years at an approved outpatient facility in a medically underserved community.
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- **Primary care medical, dental and mental/behavioral health clinicians can get \$50,000 to repay their health profession student loans in exchange for a two-year commitment** to work at an approved NHSC site in a high-need, underserved area. The payment is made at the beginning of service so you can more quickly pay down your loans. Approved sites are located across the U.S., in both urban and rural areas.
- After completing your initial service commitment, you can apply to extend your service and receive additional loan repayment assistance.



Aspiring Docs

Applicants

Med Students

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Medical Minority Applicant Registry (Med-MAR)



The Medical Minority Applicant Registry (Med-MAR) enhances admission opportunities for students from groups historically underrepresented in medicine. Medical school applicants who self-identify as being from groups historically underrepresented in medicine or who are economically disadvantaged can elect to participate in Med-MAR.

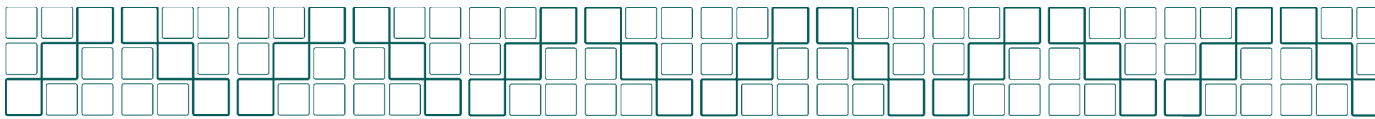
If you choose to participate in Med-MAR, your basic biographical information and your MCAT scores will be distributed to the minority affairs and admission offices of AAMC-member schools and to select health-related agencies whose mission is to increase opportunities for students historically underrepresented in medicine.

How to Participate in Med-MAR

During the Medical College Application Test (MCAT®) registration process, you'll be prompted to accept or reject participation in the Med-MAR registry. This is the *only* time you will be asked to participate in Med-MAR. To learn more, read [MCAT Essentials PDF](#).

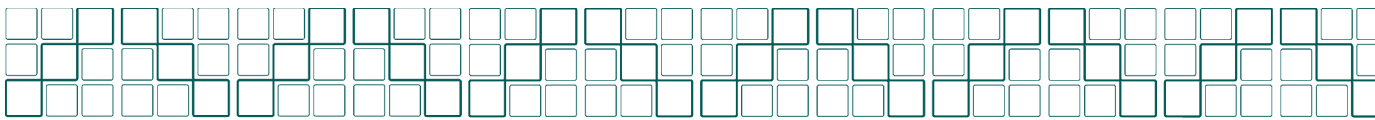
Contact Med-MAR

For more information about Med-MAR, please e-mail Lisa Jennings at ljennings@aamc.org



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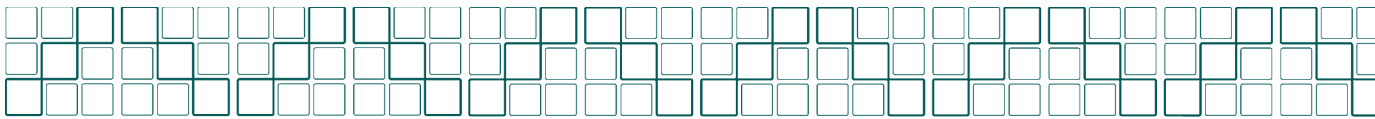
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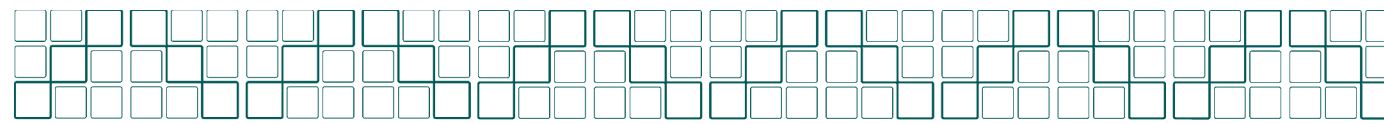
- 1,891 applicants and 626 acceptances (33.1%)
(2013: 45.2%)
- These programs are for applicants who will be research P.I.s
- Applicants must submit 3 essays with the MCAT
 - Why be a physician?
 - How does an M.D. education benefit your research interests and career?
 - Discuss your research career

(You need to be super to get serious consideration.)



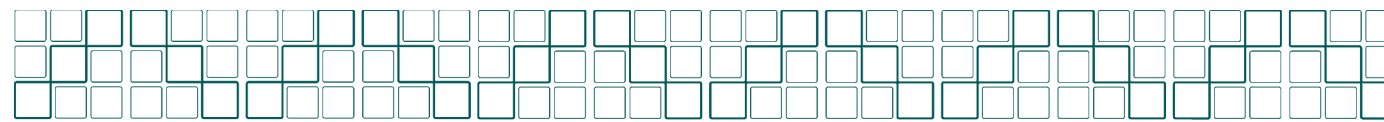
Take home messages

- Is this what you really want?
- Apply Early!
- Not all is about numbers
- If you don't meet the criteria, work on that!



Other Workshops on OITE website:

- Preparing for the New MCATs
- Writing your personal statement
- Filling out the AMCAS forms
- Interviewing**



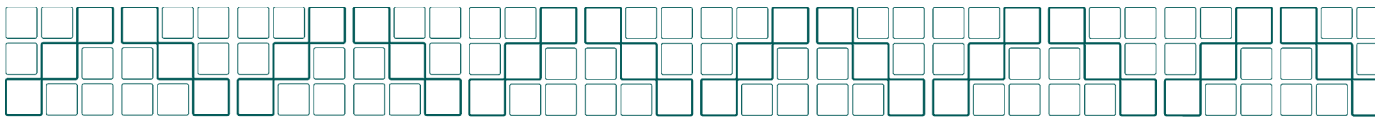
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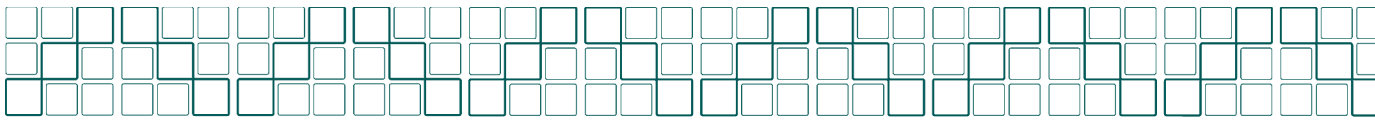
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Questions?





Preparing for the MCAT

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